Transportation Security Administration (TSA) Registered Traveler Program

In furtherance of law granting authority to implement trusted passenger programs (sub-section 109(a)(3) of Pub. L. 107-71), the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) has developed and implemented its Registered Traveler (RT) program. The RT program provides expedited security screening for passengers who volunteer to submit to a TSA-conducted security threat assessment (STA).

TSA is responsible for setting the RT program standards, for conducting the STA, for physical screening at TSA checkpoints, and for facilitating and providing oversight of the private sector partners' involvement in the program. The private sector partners handle application, identity verification, enrollment, fee collection and related services.

To enroll, applicants voluntarily provide RT Sponsoring Entities (participating airports/air carriers) and Service Providers (a TSA-approved vendor chosen by a Sponsoring Entity to implement RT as its agent) with biographic and biometric data needed for TSA to conduct the STA and determine eligibility. The STA includes checking each applicant's identity against terrorist-related, law enforcement, and immigration databases that TSA maintains or uses. RT applicants who receive an approved STA result may become program participants.

Once an applicant qualifies as an approved RT participant, the traveler is able to take advantage of the benefits of the RT program which are expected to initially include:
- modified airport configuration to minimize RT passenger wait times, including dedicated or integrated lines and lanes;
- enhanced customer service for RT participants, such as divesting assistance, concierge service for luggage, and parking privileges; and
- discounts for service or concessions.

The current phase of the RT program, known as the Registered Traveler Interoperability Pilot (RTIP), introduces interoperability among participating airports/air carriers and functionality across larger populations. The RTIP is expected to include approximately 10-20 Sponsoring Entities. Several Sponsoring Entities are already operating the RT program at their respective locations. Additional Sponsoring Entities will begin participating in the RTIP as they make the necessary business arrangements.

For a list of participating Service Providers, please see TSA's website at http://www.tsa.gov/approach/rt/vendors.shtm. Further information on the Registered Traveler Program may be found at http://www.tsa.gov/approach/rt/index.shtm.